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Date of Interview Jan 14, 2000Type: Telephonic Personal (copy is given to applicant applicant's representative).Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: Yes No. If yes, brief description:Agreement was reached. was not reached.Claim(s) discussed: Claims of proposed amendment.

Identification of prior art discussed:

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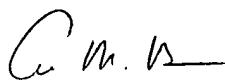
Description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments:

Discussed proposed amendment which amended independent claims in an effort to overcome rejection of claims as anticipated by Lemelson. Examiner agrees that amendments overcome art rejection. Discussed method claims, amendments to which were not presented. Counsel stated that some would be canceled and that those requiring the administration of genetic material would remain, unamended, with supporting arguments to their allowability.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments, if available, which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments which would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

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PROPOSED AMENDMENT

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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed on November 5, 1999. Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 130, 131, 140, 146, 151-163 and 165 and amend claims 57, 86, 91, 103, 120 and 132 as follows:

'57. (Amended) An intravascular therapeutic catheter comprising:
an elongate catheter body having a distal portion;
a tissue penetrating member having a tissue penetrating
tip, disposed at an angle relative to the catheter
body, the angle opening in a proximal direction of no
more than approximately 90 degrees, the tissue
penetrating member being disposed proximate the
distal portion, operably coupled to the elongate
catheter body, and having a first non-penetrating
position and a second tissue penetrating position;
and

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an actuator member disposed proximate the distal portion and operably coupled to the tissue penetrating member, for moving the tissue penetrating member from one of the first or second positions [in a direction substantially non-parallel to the catheter body] to the other of the first or second positions, the actuator adding energy to the tissue penetrating member as the tissue penetrating member moves from the first position to the second position.

86. (Amended) An intravascular therapeutic catheter comprising:

an elongate catheter body having a distal portion and an axis;

a tissue penetrating member having a tissue penetrating tip disposed at an angle relative to the axis, the angle opening in a proximal direction and being of no more than approximately 90 degrees, the tissue penetrating member being disposed proximate the distal portion and operably coupled to the elongate catheter body and having a first non-penetrating position and a second tissue penetrating position; and

an actuator member disposed proximate the distal portion and operably coupled to the tissue penetrating member, for moving the tissue penetrating member from one of the first or second positions to the other of the first or second positions in a substantially transverse path with respect to the axis.

91. (Amended) An intravascular therapeutic catheter comprising:

an elongate catheter body having a distal portion and an axis;

a tissue penetrating member having a tissue penetrating tip disposed at an angle relative to the axis, the

angle opening in a proximal direction and being of no more than approximately 90 degrees, the tissue penetrating member being disposed proximate the distal portion and operably coupled to the elongate catheter body and having a first non-penetrating position and a second tissue penetrating position;
and

an actuator member disposed proximate the distal portion and operably coupled to the tissue penetrating member, for moving the tissue penetrating member a limited distance from one of the first or second positions in a direction substantially non-parallel to the catheter body to the other of the first or second positions.

103. (Amended) A method for treating cardiac tissue comprising the steps of:

providing an intravascular therapeutic catheter having an elongate catheter body, an actuator and a tissue penetrating member having a tissue penetrating tip disposed at an angle relative to the axis, the angle opening in a proximal direction and being of no more than approximately 90 degrees, the tissue penetrating member being operably coupled to the catheter body and disposed proximate a distal portion of the catheter body, the tissue penetrating member having a first non-penetrating position and a second tissue penetrating position;

navigating the catheter through vasculature to a treatment site proximate the cardiac tissue; and

adding energy to the tissue penetrating member to move the tissue penetrating member from the first position in a direction substantially non-parallel to the catheter body to the second position.

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120. (Amended) A method for treating cardiac tissue comprising the steps of:

providing an intravascular therapeutic catheter having an elongate catheter body, an actuator and a tissue penetrating member having a tissue penetrating tip disposed at an angle relative to the axis, the angle opening in a proximal direction and being of no more than approximately 90 degrees, the tissue penetrating member being operably coupled to the catheter body and disposed proximate a distal portion of the catheter body, the tissue penetrating member having a first non-penetrating position and a second tissue penetrating position;

navigating the catheter through vasculature to a treatment site proximate the cardiac tissue; and

moving the tissue penetrating member from one of the first or second positions to the other of the first or second positions in a substantially transverse path with respect to a longitudinal axis of the catheter body.

132. (Amended) A method for treating cardiac tissue comprising the steps of:

providing an intravascular catheter of the type having an elongate catheter body and a tissue penetrating member operably coupled to the catheter body and disposed proximate a distal portion of the catheter body, the penetrating member having a first non-penetrating position and a second tissue penetrating position;

navigating the catheter through vasculature to a treatment site proximate the cardiac tissue to be treated;

moving the tissue penetrating member from one of the first or second positions in a direction substantially non-

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parallel to the catheter body to the other of the first or second positions; and delivering a drug comprising a genetic material to the treatment site.

REMARKS

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Respectfully submitted,

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